

# PERRY COUNTY

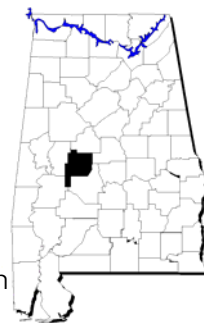
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## Council Priorities

**1. Community involvement**

**2. Economic development**

**3. Resource Center**

# Issues

Issues are the primary concerns or problems facing children in the county

## Early Care Education

Children (0 – 5) are provided opportunities to fully develop emotionally, socially, physically, and cognitively and are ready to succeed.

### A lack of programs and facilities for the county

#### Action Steps

1) Policy council will meet with the directors of facilities now available and discuss issues of overcrowding and means for expansion or new facilities.

### Lack of grants to increase early learning programs and tutoring

#### Action Steps

1) Policy council will continue to meet with the task force and other legislative officials on how to increase funding for education in the county.

## Economic Security

Children grow up in a financially stable home where the child's basic needs can be met.

### Lack of jobs and training programs

#### Action Steps

1) Policy council will inquire to various businesses and commissioners on job fairs to educate in preparation for possible jobs.

### On the job training for teens during summer vacation

#### Action Steps

1) Policy council will contact business as well as the community leaders on continuing the after school programs and others set up by officials.

## Education

Children learn the skills necessary to become productive citizens.

### School readiness for children

#### Action Steps

1) Policy council will endeavor to conduct more programs to inform parents of school readiness such as No Child Left Behind.

## **Parent involvement in after school tutorial programs**

### **Action Steps**

1) Policy council has taken programs under its wing that educates and exposes children to various cultural activities.

## **Lack of community involvement and knowledge of programs available in assistance with the education and well being of children 0-19**

### **Action Steps**

1) Policy council will again address the resource center to the elected officials as a serious issue that needs attention for this county.

## **Health**

Children's (0 - 19) physical and mental well-being in the county.

## **Insurance enrollment**

### **Action Steps**

1) Policy council continues to support health clinics, mental health and the school system to improve health issues for children 0-19.

## **Education on the need to decrease teen pregnancies**

### **Action Steps**

1) Policy Council will endeavor to work with health programs to address issues of health with teens in regards to teen pregnancy.

## **Information and knowledge of health care**

### **Action Steps**

1) Policy council consults with health department as to their progress and ways to inform parents of available health needs for children 0-19.

## **Parent Involvement Skills**

Parents and guardians participation and effectiveness in fostering an environment for children to become mature, responsible and independent adults.

## **Lack of training in the amount of time involving development of children**

### **Action Steps**

1) Policy council along with other community leaders will make a constant effort to involve parents in the education and discipline of children 0-19.

## **Lack of understanding in juvenile procedures**

### **Action Steps**

1) Policy council will work with the probation officer and law enforcement to develop constructive programs for children 0-19 with behavioral problems.

## **Safety**

Children live free of abuse, neglect, crime, and drugs.

## **Creating a drug free environment**

### **Action Steps**

1) Policy council supports the drug prevention programs in the school system and law enforcement efforts for safety of children 0-19.

## **Lack of information in regards to treatment for children age 0-19 against drug abuse**

### **Action Steps**

1) Policy council works with law enforcement in making information available to parents in regard to treatment programs for children 0-19.

## **Policy Recommendations**

No Policy Recommendations submitted

## **Accomplishments**

- Several summer camps have been established for 2006 with a variety of recreational and learning activities.
- A mainstay entity in our county is Sowing Seeds of Hope, a faith based program.
- The committees of workers have improved on the repair and condition of the homes, making happier children as well as parents.
- This group has done a phenomenal job in the building process and growth toward a better community in Perry County.